

# Stanley Park Blackpool:

Voted England's favourite park 3 times.  
Voted the Best Park in the U.K.

More than 2 Million people visit the Park every year.  
Officially opened in 1926 by Sir George Edward Villiers Stanley, the 17<sup>th</sup> Earl of Derby.  
Grade 11\* Status.  
Stanley Park has a Heronry on the lake.



Grey Heron *Ardea Cinerea*

Greek *Eroides* = Heron and *Cinerea* Latin for Ash.  
“Heron” comes from *hraigran* proto Germanic,  
...possibly from it's cry.

It is the tallest bird in the U.K. at 1m.

One can weigh 2kg. with a wingspan of 6 feet.

In Medieval times it was a popular quarry for Falconers, and was roasted at banquets.

The fat of the Heron killed at full moon was said to be a cure for Rheumatism.

Most Heronries are in trees 25m above the ground.

It is not unusual for a disturbed Heron to regurgitate it's last meal.

The number of Herons in the UK has increased.

Some birds lay eggs in early Feb, but normally peak at the end of March.

There are over 64 species of Heron worldwide.

They are carnivorous.

They may toss seeds or fruit into the water to attract fish.

The most distant ringed UK Herons were recorded in Morocco and The Gambia.